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Testimony in Support of Condo Bill <u>H.B. No. 6620</u> (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CONDOMINIUMS AND COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES.

**HB6620** An Act to Establish an Office of Condominium simply provides a low cost way of resolving unit owner/association disputes in a fair, impartial setting through the Office of the Attorney General without the need for attorneys and with a \$35 filing fee and the ability of the ombudsman to dismiss frivolous complaints. In the states of Florida and Nevada is this is an effective resolution mechanism, which does not engender huge costs for associations.

Some legislators are still hesitant to support HB6620 because they believe there is a cost to the bill. This is a misconception. This bill is self-funded and actually creates a surplus of several hundred thousand dollars in the first year. It does not draw on state funds.

## Please vote in FAVOR of Condo Bill HB 6620

Thank you very much.

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